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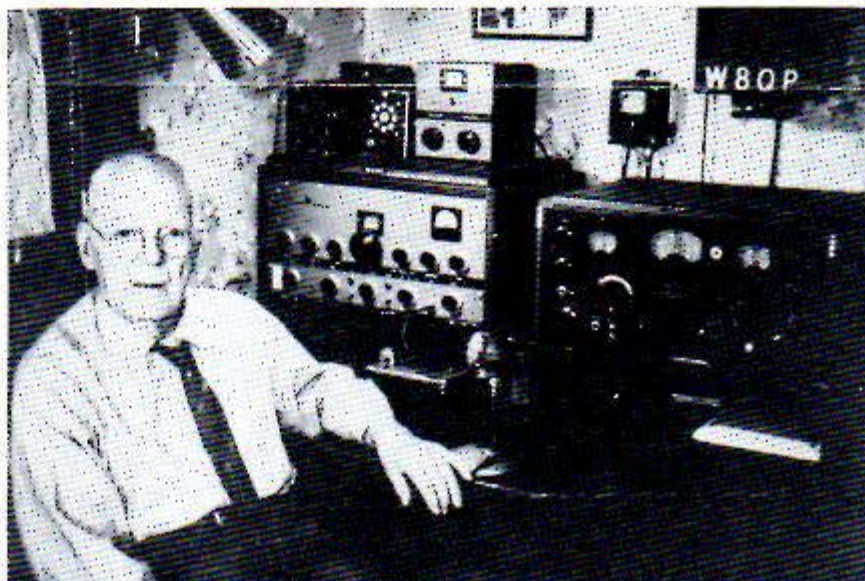
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Ed. Mitchell, W8QP, Findlay, Ohio Chapter is another active 90 year young member.

REPORT ON ANNUAL MEETING

1. The sixteenth annual meeting of QCWA was held October 25, 1963 at Hotel Shelburne, New York. It was called to order by the President, Mr. DiBlasi, W2FX, at 8:15 P.M. He read extracts of letters from Messrs. Herbert Hoover, W6ZH, and Barry Goldwater, K7UGA/K3UIG, expressing their regrets on not being able to attend.

2. The President announced that Messrs. Charles Kahn, K2GZ and Earl Thomas, W2MM, served as tellers in checking the election ballots received. The following election results were announced from the return of 1,065 ballots:

For President:

John DiBlasi, W2FX, 1050; S.

Poore, W1PO, 2; and one each for K2CM, W2EH, W2KH, W2MM, W5FWZ, W5ZO, K7UGA and W8DG.

For Vice President:

Earl R. Thomas, W2MM, 1052 and one each for W2CYK, W2EG, W3ZM, W5ARK, W5KW and W6ZIL.

Executive Secretary:

Ralph G. Barber, W2ZM, 1059 and E. S. Van Deusen, W3ECP, 1.

Treasurer:

Fred W. Huff, W2AMB, 1057 and T. R. Rummells, W7LQ, 1.

Recording Secretary:

David Talley, W2PF, 1056 and R. Bourne, W1ANA, 1.

Directors: (Vote for 5)

G. W. Bailey, W2KH, 1047; A. L. Greenberg, W2CYK, 1029; T. A. McCann, K2CM, 1037; J. A. Stobbe, W2WZ, 1031; A. L. Walsh, W2BW, 1034; T. R. Rummells, W7LQ, 19; E. Trombly, W8CAM, 7; E. A. Rasmussen, W6YPM, 3; F. C. Spike,

W7OS, 3; Two each for W2AMJ, W30Y, W3RE and W9GVZ, and one each for 43 other members.

Summation of Ballots by Call Sign Areas

1	92
2	268
3	107
4	66
5	39
6	167
7	97
8	117
9	43
Ø	39
Outside U.S.	30
Total	1,065

Blank Ballots — 5

The above indicated Officers and Directors were declared elected.

3. The following report was presented on behalf of the Executive Secretary, Mr. Ralph G. Barber, W2ZM, who was unable to be present

because he was recuperating from a recent operation; for the period ending Sept. 30, 1963:—

- a) Paid-up membership including 142 Life Members 2,930
- b) "Silent Keys" 177
- c) Dropped or resigned since 1948 677 854
- d) QCWA last assigned membership number as of 10/23/63 3,784

4. The Treasurer, Mr. Fred W. Huff, W2AMB, submitted the following financial report for 1963 operations to September 30, 1963:

a) Receipts:

312 new members \$2,057.14
 Dues from
 1,108 members.. 4,288.25
 For QCWA pins
 from 239 members 566.15
 Miscellaneous 36.10 \$6,947.64

b) Expenditures to Sept. 30, 1963:

Printing and
 mailing 944.27
 Addressograph
 plates, QCWA
 lapel pin stock 682.48
 Office staff expenses and publicity expenses. 1,973.59
 Miscellaneous
 items 689.09 4,289.43
 Balance \$2,658.21

*c) In bank on
 January 1, 1963 3,719.91*

*d) In bank on
 September 30, 1963 \$6,378.12*

5. A proposed design for the "50 Years in Amateur Radio" certificate to be awarded QCWA members who had completed 50 years as licensed amateur radio amateurs was displayed by Mr. Fred Huff, W2AMB, Chairman of the 50 Year Award Committee. It is planned to present these awards to eligible QCWA members at the National ARRL Convention to be held in New York, on August 21-23, 1964.

6. The President read a list of 31 members who became "Silent Keys" since the last Annual Meeting. All present stood in silence for one minute.

7. A plaque of the engraved front cover of QST for September, 1963 was presented to Bill Squires, W2PUL, by Mr. Morton B. Kalin, W2KR, Hudson Division ARRL Director. This award was given to W2PUL for his article on a new design for receiver front-ends.

8. The President reported that he had received only 30 replies to his request in the September, 1963 News Letter for comments on the ARRL amateur licensing proposals. He stated that this matter would be further dis-

cussed at the next QCWA Board of Directors Meeting and asked all interested members to submit comments.

9. Mr. Harry J. Dinnals, W2TUK, Vice-Director of Hudson Division ARRL and President of the Hudson Amateur Radio Council, announced that the ARRL National Convention and celebration of the League's 50th Anniversary would be held at the New York Hilton Hotel, August 21-23, 1964. The main speaker at the banquet will be Senator Barry Goldwater. K7UGA/K3UIG, HARC also will operate the ham station at the New York World's Fair under call letters K2US.

10. The guest speaker, Mr. Ivan H. Loucks, W3GD, Chief, Amateur and Citizen Radio Division of the FCC, presented an excellent talk on the fundamental purpose of ham radio and the five basic principles which comprise the Charter of Amateur radio in the United States. He stated that amateurs should continue to show their responsibilities for public service as licensed amateurs by providing a non-commercial communication service particularly in emergencies. In the question and answer period, Mr. Loucks explained the FCC procedure in handling rule making proposals and other related matters. (See Dec., 1963 QST for full text of W3GD's talk.)

11. A brief talk on DXpeditions was given by Mr. Stu Myers, W2-GHK, who discussed the methods followed by him and his assistants in checking station logs and verifying QSL cards. He urged widespread use of all ham bands in connection with DXpeditions.

12. Mr. Arthur L. Greenberg, W2-CYK, announced that the annual Sideband Dinner sponsored by the Single Sideband Amateur Radio Association, Inc. would be held at the Statler-Hilton Hotel, New York City, on Tuesday, March 24, 1964. Tickets will cost \$10.00 including the amateur radio equipment exhibits.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

As we look back over the past 16 years to that memorable night of our first meeting, December 5th, 1947, we see that, that little "band of 30 Old Timers," has now grown to an International Organization of 3,500 active members with 23 Chapters.

There is no doubt that grow we must, because during the period of 1935-1945, the ranks of Amateur Radio operators increased considerably, and as these operators reach their required "maturity of 25 years," they seek to become members.

This was evidenced by the Q.C.W.A. Story which appeared in the November 1963 issue of Q.S.T. We have received over 450 requests and of which over 250 have already joined our organization.

Growth is always accompanied by growing pains and our organization is no exception. There are many things which we would like to do and are planning to do, but as a non-profit organization with nominal annual dues, we can expand only as our finances permit.

JOHN DiBLASI — W2FX
 President

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

A Special Committee comprising W2FX, W2KII, W2AMB, K2CM, W2MM and W2PF had been appointed by the President to advise what actions, if any, should be recommended to the QCWA Board of Directors concerning the various incentive licensing and related proposals that had been presented to the FCC by the ARRL and other organizations and individuals. The Committee met on January 2, 1964 and was informed that Mr. Lowell White, K9UQX, had sent a letter outlining his views on incentive licensing to QCWA President John DiBlasi and also, at his own expense, had sent copies of this letter to QCWA members listed in the 1962-1963 Year Book. Approximately 400 QCWA members subsequently had sent replies on this letter to W2FX. Mr. DiBlasi had acknowledged each one and advised that this matter would be studied further by QCWA.

After considerable discussions on the different aspects involved, the Committee made the following recommendations for the attention of the QCWA Board of Directors:

Statement

In consideration of Section 2 of the QCWA Constitution, namely, (Sec. 2. The purposes of this Association shall be

- (a) To foster and develop friendship and co-operation among amateur wireless and radio operators of more than twenty-five years' standing.
- (b) To take general interest in all matters affecting or involving amateur wireless or radio and sponsor such actions as may be deemed proper in their interests.)

The Committee feels that in view of the relatively few responses that had been received to (1) the request for comments on the ARRL proposals that

appeared in the September, 1963 QCWA News Letter and (2) the personal letter that had been sent by Mr. Lowell White, K9UQX, to QCWA President John DiBiasi with copies to the QCWA members listed in the 1962-1963 Year Book, there were insufficient replies to establish unanimity of opinion for determining QCWA policy. The Committee also observed that all comments on the various petitions filed with the FCC concerning amateur radio licensing matters were closed on December 26, 1963. Accordingly, the Committee recommends to the QCWA Board of Directors that the QCWA policy should be to continue to maintain close liaison with this matter and be prepared to be represented at FCC hearings.

1964 ANNUAL QCWA QSO PARTY

This annual event for QCWA members will be sponsored this year by the Southern California Chapter. The details are:—

Party Period: — Starts 2200 GMT (5PM EST) Friday, February 14, 1964 to 2200 GMT (3PM EST) Sunday, February 16, 1964.

Objectives: — QCWA members to work as many other members as possible and exchange QCWA membership numbers. Contacts also can be made with non-QCWA members.

Reports: — Send extracts of your log showing (1) date and time in GMT, (2) contact number, (3) station worked, (4) name and QCWA membership number to Mr. Walter A. Knight, K6GMA, 13841 McMain Street, Garden Grove, Calif. before February 29, 1964.

Suggested frequencies for QCWA QSO Party are:—

CW: 3540, 3635, 3790, 7005, 7030, 7100, 14,100, 21,100 and 28,110 kc.
SSB: 3804, 3909, 7204, 7299, 14,300, 21,410, 21,440 and 28,690 kc.
AM: 3810, 3950, 7230, 14,240, 21,340 and 28,690 kc.
RTTY: 7105 and 21,140 kc.

50 YEARS IN

AMATEUR RADIO AWARD

All QCWA members who originally had received their wireless (radio) operator's or amateur station license 50 years ago (1913-1914) are now eligible for the QCWA "50 Years in Amateur Radio" Award. Please submit at once (if you have not yet done so) the original or attested photostatic copy of your amateur radio station license issued in the years 1913-1914 plus verification that you currently hold an amateur radio license issued by the

FCC, direct to Mr. Ralph G. Barber, W2ZM, the Executive Secretary. In cases where the original license has been lost or destroyed, the listing of your name and amateur station call letters in the U.S. Government's call books issued in 1913 or 1914 may be considered as satisfactory proof. A Committee consisting of W2AMB, Chairman, W2ZM and W2CYK have prepared a very excellent design for a suitable permanent certificate that you will be proud to possess.

TREASURER'S NOTES:

Dues statements for the year 1964 have been mailed out and your Treasurer would appreciate prompt remittance of your dues. In this connection, his work-load would be made easier if you will:—(1) return your statement with your remittance, (2) do not use staples on your check, (3) make checks or money orders payable to QUARTER CENTURY WIRELESS ASSOCIATION, INC. and not to W2AMB or W2ZM, and (4) insert your call letters on the rear of your check in the lower left corner.

Please note that, in accordance with the revised Article II, Sec. 2 of the By-Laws (published in the September, 1963 News Letter), Dues shall be prepaid to the Treasurer in the amount of \$5.00 for three years, \$10.00 for six years or \$25.00 for Life Membership or may be payable in the amount of \$2.00 per annum. It is hoped that more members will save money for themselves by paying 3 to 6 years in advance or taking a Life Membership.

It is essential, per Article II, Sec. 3 of the By-Laws, that dues be paid within 90 days after the first of the calendar year to continue as a member in good standing. Preparation for the new 1964 Year Book will start in April, 1964 and members who are delinquent in dues will not appear in this issue.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S NOTATIONS

Members may procure a supply of 500 QCWA stamps by just sending \$1.00 plus a 10c stamped addressed envelope to the Executive Secretary, W2ZM.

New QCWA application blanks and information sheets are now available from W2ZM. Please do not use the old forms as they contain some inaccuracies.

Over 30 requests for the "50 Years in Amateur Radio Award" have been received. Please note that actual proof that you possessed an amateur station license 50 years ago is required not QSL cards or hearsay evidence.

The article on QCWA in the No-

vember, 1963 QST has resulted in over 450 inquiries to date and Ralph is about snowed under in answering them and sending out application forms. The last assigned QCWA membership number as of December 11, 1963 is #3920 and we should be well over the 4000 mark by this time.

CHAPTER NEWS

Several Chapters including the Northern California and Canton, Ohio publish their own Bulletin or News Letters. This is an excellent way for Chapters to inform members of local QCWA happenings, important ham meetings as well as news about their colleagues. This News Letter necessarily can only report on the high-lights of your Chapter's activities. Chapter Chairmen or Secretaries are reminded to submit news items direct to the Acting Editor, W2PF, prior to April 15, 1964 for publication in the next issue. We understand that a new Chapter soon will be organized in Toledo, Ohio which will make a total of 23. The present Chapters and their officers, (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, or Secretary and Treasurer) for 1964 are:—

Chapter	Officers
Arizona.....	K7RUR, W7CS, K7TJN
Baltimore.....	W3HWZ, W3QA, W3WA, W3GR
Boston-Providence.....	W1PHP, W1EX, W1PO
Canton, O.....	W8EUK, W8QYV, W8NAL
Chicago.....	W9WR, W9EVA, W9DSO
Cleveland, O.....	W8BF, W8KC
Dayton, O.....	W8FYR, W8SEL
Delaware Valley.....	W3HX, W3KV, W3CL, W2ANU
Findlay, O.....	W8QP, W8HW, W8UB1
Florida Southeast.....	W4GJ, W4BTM
Michigan.....	W8CAM, W8QPO
Missouri.....	W0DF, W0PUS
Northern California.....	W6GW, W6WF
Northwest.....	W7AYO, W7BV, K7CNE
Pittsburgh.....	W3RFN, W3UGV
San Diego.....	W6BKZ, W6GWY, W6EKM
Southern California.....	W6YRP, WA6AMZ, WA6AYF
Susquehanna Valley.....	W3OY, W3ANA
Oklahoma.....	W5FWZ, W5MMH
Upper Midwest.....	W0CK1, W0KKP
Washington, D. C.....	W4ZM, W3RE, W3CDQ
West Gulf.....	W5LR, W5AFI

CHICAGO CHAPTER

The re-organization meeting of this Chapter was held at the Hallcrafters' plant in Chicago on October 24, 1963. Door prizes were won by W9AC, W9NOE and K9PZD. Newly elected officers for 1964 are:—Fred Hinds, W9WR, Chairman, Bob Austin, W9EVA, Secretary and Julian Oberg, W9DSO, Treasurer. There are over 100 QCWA members residing within the area of the Chicago Chapter. Just phone Frank Tatlo, W9GVZ, at KE 9-4535 during the day or write to Bob Austin, W9EVA for further info. Ray Birren, W9MSC, also is helping to solicit new members by making call book checks for eligibility.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

Over 100 members and guests attended the annual dinner and election meeting. FCC Engineer Lee Smith and his wife were there. George Droste, W6IN (formerly W2IN) presented a short talk and showed photos of some of his old ham friends in New York. Films and slides supplied by the Antique Wireless Association also served to entertain the members and their friends. New Officers for 1964 are:—John Pomeroy, W6YRP, Chairman, William Barnes, WA6AMZ, Vice-Chairman, Harry Manning, WA6AYP, Secretary/Treasurer and Vance Phillips, W6GH, Historian. This Chapter will sponsor the 1964 annual QCWA QSO Party to be held February 14th to 16th, 1964 as announced elsewhere in this News Letter. QSO Chairman is K6GMA.

ARIZONA CHAPTER

The Fall dinner meeting was held on November 2, 1963. The gang went to the home of Everett and Anita Taylor, W8NAF/7 after the meeting for an old-fashioned hamfest. Chapter members meet every Sunday at 9:30 A.M. M.S.T. on 3950 kc. for ragchews. All QCWA members are invited to join this net.

NORTHWEST CHAPTER

Plans are under way to hold the annual meeting of this Chapter in Vancouver, B. C. on or about July 11-12, 1964. Helen and Doc Spike, W7OS, have recovered from their car wreck of the past summer. K7CNE's wife also has recuperated from a recent car crash. W7AYO suggests that QCWA members use the same QCWA QSO contest frequencies on the last weekend of each month as a regular get-together means of promoting on-the-air comradeship without a formal contest. Dan

Barney, W7USO, has been in Australia for the past year and operates at VK3BL. He expects to be there for another two years.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

The annual banquet of the Northern California Chapter will be held on Saturday, February 15, 1964 at the International Inn near the San Francisco Airport. Further details will be announced later but all are assured of a fine time with lots of activities, prizes, etc. The new President of the San Francisco Radio Club is Ray Eichman, WA6IVM. Jack Slater, W6WF, the Chapter's Secretary/Treasurer, has initiated a Chapter Bulletin to all members. New members include, K6BE, W6KHH, W6QLU, W6TTB, W6ETI, W6BG. The new call of WA6BZA is W6UB. An active membership campaign has been initiated with the objective to being the largest QCWA Chapter. The Northwest Chapter now has that distinction.

CANTON, OHIO CHAPTER

The Fall meeting, held at Bonvehios, South of New Philadelphia, Ohio on October 19, 1963 was attended by 28 members and their wives. Seventeen members were present who had a total of 568 years of ham radio experience. Two of these members were tied with 44 years each. The territory of this Chapter extends from south of Youngstown, west to Mansfield and then south to the Ohio River encompassing thirty counties. Len Riegler, W8DNC, has recovered from a bout with bronchial pneumonia. W8HR is now on SSB after many years on CW and AM. Carmella, W8NAL, the Chapter's Secretary, also edits and publishes an excellent News Letter for the Chapter. The recent issue included photographs taken by Rob Roy, W8HR, at the Fall meeting. The first dinner-meeting of 1964 is scheduled for January 9, 1964 at McDonaldville Inn, McDonaldville, Ohio, on Route 241 north of Massillon, Ohio.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The call letters of Jack Faulkner, K6CRA, were incorrectly printed under his photo in the September 1963 News Letter.

Our Executive Secretary, Ralph Barber, W2ZM, is well on the way to full recovery from his recent operation. Ralph wants to express his thanks to the many members who had sent him cards and Xmas Season greetings. He is back on the air again. A DX Safari to the Virgin Islands has been organized by Clarence Seid, W2KW/

W2CCD, for the period January 17 to February 8, 1964. Clarence will sign W2KW/KV4 at St. Croix from January 17th to 31st and then will move to St. Thomas for about a week. Listen for his KWM-2 on 14 mc. SSB. A special DX Safari QSL card will be sent to all who work W2KW/KV4.

Bill Erich, W6AL, will be operating VR2EK from Denba, Fiji Islands. He expects to be in operation in time for the QCWA QSO Party.

Bert Oscarson, W7ADT, and his wife will be in Europe this Spring and at SM5WZ. Bert would like to meet other QCWA members planning to be in Europe this Spring.

SILENT KEYS

The following names have been added to the list of departed members since publication of the September, 1963 News Letter:—

W1AGM—Dr. Henry A. Tadgell

W2FO—Henry T. Hayden, Jr.

W2GEC—George E. Burghard

WA2GN1—Fred C. Easton

W2H—Walter J. Howell

W2L1—Burt J. Toegel

W2TF/4—George E. Franklin

W3QL—Gedney M. Rigor

W4LZT—Charles W. Bivens

K6EI—George A. Davidson

W6FSL—Fred W. Adams

W6GP—Clarence W. Seamans

W6WR—Clarence H. Warne

W8AZF—Harry L. Harter

W8IXI—Alfred Havelock

W8IG—Frank J. Riley

W8JNF—William B. Davis

W8RAM—Kenneth L. Marshall

May They Rest in Peace.